

Track season opens with third place finish

By Dick Boyd

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The Norton Community High School varsity track team opened the 2012 season on Thursday by placing third in both the girls and boys divisions in the annual Norton Invitational Track Meet on the Jep Byrum Track at Travis Field in Norton.

The Norton junior varsity thinclads opened the season earlier in the week on Monday in Smith Center so they saw their second action since there were unlimited entries on Thursday in Norton.

Oberlin won the girls championship with 143 points, followed by Colby, 127; Norton, 112.5; Smith Center, 81; Goodland, 22; Logan, 21.5; Northern Valley 17.

Boys champion was Smith Center with 119 points, followed by Goodland, 104; Norton, 91; Oberlin, 87; Colby, 52; Northern Valley, 42; Logan, 31.

“Our girls and boys competed very well in this meet,” said Norton head high school track and field coach Jason Jones. “The weather was absolutely beautiful for the meet but we did not hold the javelin event because of the conditions due to the rain. Despite that, though, both of our teams did a good job.

“We had some things not go so well as most teams always do, but, overwhelmingly, we had a lot of things go better than we could have expected.

“Finishing third by both our girls and boys was nice and we got some really good times and distances for this early in the season. We are proud of our athletes and we look forward to their next meet for them to improve. They have done well so far.”

GIRLS

The Norton girls had three gold medal winners. Junior Alec

Melvin won the discus with a throw of 102’7”. Sophomore Bailey Ambrosier was the pole vault winner with a height of 9’6”. Freshman Sierra Griffith was the 3200 meter run champion with a time of 13:18.20.

Lady Jay junior Teslee Nickell placed runner-up in the shot put with a heave of 34’10” and Melvin was right behind her in third with a 33’2” distance.

The Norton girls finished one-two-three in the 3200 meter run. Following Griffith to the finish line were sophomore Darcy Bainter in second with a clocking of 13:52.55 and junior Julia Kent in third with a time of 13:55.63.

Earning a silver medal with a runner-up finish in the 400 meter dash was sophomore Katelyn Engelbert with a time of 1:04.47. Ambrosier followed her with a third place in 1:04.95.

Norton’s other individual runner-up finish came from junior Tawni Griffey in the 1600 meter run. She was timed in 6:13.64. Griffey also scored points in the 800 meter run where she placed fourth in 2:48.33.

The Lady Jays’ 4 x 800 meter relay team of Engelbert, Griffith, Ambrosier and junior Kamilla Jones also combined for a runner-up finish with a time of 10:48.10.

Ambrosier, senior Erin Terrell, sophomore Marisa Maddy and Engelbert ran the 4 x 400 meter relay where they finished third with a clocking of 4:29.10.

Jones also placed third in the long jump with a leap of 13’11” and fifth in the pole vault with a clearance of 8’. Jones was edged for fourth in the pole vault by Maddy who also cleared 8’ with fewer jumps.

Norton girls finished scoring with a fifth place in the 200 meter dash in 29.07 by Engelbert and sixth place finish in the

same race by Terrell in 29.26.

Norton girls results in events in which they did not score were: sophomore Cristine Nelson, 27’5.5”, 13th; sophomore Rickele Green, 26’10”, 17th, shot put; Nickell, 88’, 7th; Nelson, personal best 84’11”, 9th; Green, 64’4”, 15th, discus; freshman Kenzie Esslinger, personal best 7’6”, 7th, pole vault; sophomore Johnnye Ruder, 19:23, 8th, 100 meter hurdles; Maddy, 57.96, 10th; junior Stephanie Hager, personal best 1:04.49, 12th, 300 meter hurdles; Ruder, 14.63, 11th; Esslinger, personal best 15.81, 20th; freshman Sheridan Dillehay, personal best 15.94, 21st, 100 meter dash; Dillehay, did not qualify, 200 meter dash; Hager, 7:49.43, 9th, 1600 meter run; Terrell, Dillehay, Ruder, Maddy, 4 x 100 meter relay, 1:00.18, 8th.

BOYS

The Norton boys had just two gold medal winners: senior Bryan Henry in the 400 meter dash and sophomore Austin Hager in the pole vault.

Henry was clocked in 54.91 and Hager cleared 13’ in the pole vault.

Norton’s only runner-up finish was in the 4 x 100 meter relay where Hager, Henry, senior Trey Millan and junior Jacob Brooks were timed in 45.69.

Brooks also placed third in the 100 meter dash in a personal best time of 11.29.

Five Norton boys earned bronze medals with third place finishes. Senior Casey Temmel was third in the shot put with a heave of 39’8.75” and junior Dalton Miller was third in the discus with a personal best throw of 121’3”. Sophomore Trever Lewis finished third in the long jump with a leap of 18’9” and senior Zach Hartwell placed third in the 1600 meter run in 5:02.64. Sophomore

Marc Miller was third in the 3200 meter run in 10:56.38.

Also in the 3200 meter run, Hartwell finished in fourth place with a clocking of 11:11.89.

Junior Dylan Sprigg finished fourth best in the discus with a personal best throw of 120’11”. Lewis also placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 36’8.5” and Miller finished fourth in the pole vault with a clearance of 10’6”.

Sophomore Alec Hager placed fourth in the 800 meter run in 2:21.18 and he was followed across the finish line by freshman Christian Boser in fifth with a clocking of 2:26.72. Hager was also fifth in the 1600 meter run in 5:18.16.

Placing fifth for the Blue Jay boys was senior Damien Davis with a personal best 37’7.25” heave of the shot.

Freshman Connor Cox finished sixth in the 300 meter hurdles with a personal best time of 47.39.

The Norton boys’ 4 x 400 meter relay of senior Dillon McConney, Hager, junior Carson McKenna and Henry placed sixth with a clocking of 3:54.19.

Times and distances of Norton boys who competed but did not place were: junior Lucas Engel, personal best 36’9”, 7th; freshman Stewart Whitney, personal best 35’4”, 9th; junior Lane Bigge, personal best 34’5”, 13th; freshman Jordan Karnopp, 30’6.5”, 17th, shot put; Engel, personal best 88’3”, 13th; Whitney, personal best 87’9”, 14th; Bigge, personal best 79’8”, 19th; Karnopp, 63’6”, 25th, discus; McConney, 17’1”, sophomore Travis Cressler, 15’1”, freshman Noah Johnson, 12’6”, 26th, long jump; freshman Breven Sondergaard, 33’4.75”, 9th; Cressler, no distance, triple jump; freshman Kobie Unterseher, no height; freshman Dalton Vanover, no height, pole vault; senior Joe LeClair, 23.88, ninth, 110 meter hurdles; LeClair, no time, 300 meter hurdles; Millan, 11.98, 8th; McKenna, 12.22, 16th; McConney, 12.43, 20th; freshman Derick Campbell, personal best 12.83, 22nd; Cressler, 13.59, 35th, 100 meter dash; Henry, 24.99, 9th; McKenna, 25.27, 10th; Millan, 25.36, 12th; Engel, personal best 25.64, 15th; Sondergaard, 28.26, 30th, 200 meter dash; Miller, personal best 1:03.36, 15th, 400 meter dash; freshman Clay Vanover, personal best 6:40.50, 7th; sophomore Chris Chambers, 6:41, 8th, 1600 meter run; Vanover, personal best 12:01, did not place, 3200 meter run; Campbell, Boser, Whitney, Unterseher, 4 x 100 meter relay, 49.50; Boser, Alec Hager, Cox, senior Jordan Wahlmeier, 4 x 400 meter relay, 3:54.64; Campbell, Sondergaard, Cressler, Unterseher, 4 x 400 meter relay, 4:20.35.

Next action

Norton will travel to Goodland today for the Goodland Invitational, which will begin at 2 p.m.

On Friday, the Norton junior varsity will travel to Hill City for the Hill City JV Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m.



Norton senior Bryan Henry sprints toward the finish line to win the gold medal in the 400 meter dash in the Norton Invitational Track Meet last Thursday in Norton.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Norton competed in the Freshman/Sophomore Track Meet at Goodland on Monday.

Results were not available at the Norton Telegram’s press time.

The Blue Jay girls and boys varsity track and field teams will compete today in the annual Smith Center Redmen Relays, which will begin at 3 p.m. with field events.



Norton sophomores Bailey Ambrosier, left, and Katelyn Engelbert are pictured running down the final stretch of the 400 meter dash in the Norton Invitational Track Meet last Thursday in Norton. Engelbert placed runner-up and Ambrosier was third in the race. Ambrosier also won the gold medal in the pole vault and both girls were members of Lady Jay relays that finished runner-up and third.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Norton golfers take runner-up in tourney

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team opened the 2012 season last Tuesday with a solid runner-up placing in the Redmen Invitational in Smith Center.

The always strong Phillips-

burg golfers won the championship with a 339 but Norton wasn’t far behind with a 369.

Third place went to Osborne with a 405, followed by Beloit, 406; Rock Hills, 419; Belleville, 463.

All of Norton’s players were experienced juniors. Leading

the way was Andrew Ellis with a 44/46-90, followed by Christopher Fisher, 46/46-92; Eli Bozarth, 45/47-92 and John Rise-wick, 50/45-95.

Also playing for the Blue Jays and their scores were: Jordan Hartwell, 49/49-98 and Dustan Daniels, 69/55-124.

Ellis was a sixth medalist. Medalists were: Alex Hobelmann, Smith Center, 77; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 78; Kobey Beougher, Stockton, 79; Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg, 80; Kyle Hoover, Phillipsburg, 89; Andrew Ellis, Norton, 90 and Colton Boxum, Osborne, 91.

“Although we did not score quite as well as we had anticipated prior to the tournament, today was a good starting point for the season,” said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

“The recent good weather had allowed us to get quite a bit of quality practice time and our golfers have worked hard in preparation for the season.

“The second place finish today was rewarding for our golfers. We were led by Andrew Ellis, who earned his first career varsity medalist honors, and by Christopher Fisher and Eli Bo-

zarth just missing medalist honors by one stroke.

“We must continue to work and learn from today in order to see continued improvement as the season progresses.”

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Benefit for Cody Shelton

Sunday, April 15, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
at Bertrand Community Center

**Free Will Donation Pulled Pork Supper
and Entertainment Provided by Reggie Shaw**

**MONETARY DONATIONS WILL BE
ACCEPTED AT GREAT WESTERN BANKS**

Cody was injured in a farming accident on February 21, 2012. After being life flighted to Kearney and undergoing 6 hours of extensive surgeries to repair his injuries, and a 2 1/2 week stay at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Cody is finally home with his family.

Now on the long road to recovery, Cody is working on intense physical therapy and rehabilitation and is unable to work full time, which is hard on his family. ANY and all donations made on his behalf would be greatly appreciated to assist with medical bills and therapies.

Cody and his family would like to extend a big thank you to all who have helped them out so much already and the thoughts and prayers from so many have helped them get through these hard times.

Cody is the son of Max and Marcia Shelton of Long Island. Marcia is the office manager at The Norton Telegram.

• PUBLIC NOTICE •

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**NOTICE OF MEETING
TO ORGANIZE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE WEST UNION CEMETERY DISTRICT**

**TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS of the
West Union Cemetery District consisting
of the following described territory within
Norton County, Kansas, to-wit:**

Sections One (1) through Thirty-six (36), Township Three (3) South, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the 6th P.M.; Sections One (1) through Twelve (12), Township Four (4) South, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the 6th P.M.; Sections One (1) through Thirty-six (36), Township Four (4) South, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the 6th P.M.; Sections Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Thirty-five (35) and Thirty-six (36), Township Four (4) South, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the 6th P.M.; Sections One (1) through Thirty-six (36), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the 6th P.M.; and Sections One (1), Two (2), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Thirty-five (35) and Thirty-six (36), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the 6th P.M., all in Norton County, Kansas.

TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with K.S.A. 17-1331, a meeting of the qualified voters of West Union Cemetery District will be held on the **23rd day of April, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lenora Community Building, 102 North Main, Lenora, Kansas**, for the purpose of organizing the Cemetery District and electing five (5) directors to a board to govern the District, thereafter.

April 10, 2012

Victor Wagoner, Township Trustee
Solomon Township, Norton County, Kansas

Community Calendar

Please submit your events for the
Community Calendar
which is printed in the Monday EXTRA.
Events may be e-mailed to:
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MARCH 2012 NORTON COUNTY VOUCHERS

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Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Norton County Courthouse March 30, 2012 to allow the following bills: K.S.A. 19-337. An itemized copy of this report is available for inspection in the County Clerk’s Office.

(*) Juvenile Service Accounts		
CLAIMS-GROSS PAYROLL	FUND TOTALS ONLY	
County General	\$163,633.96	
Road and Bridge	\$57,123.58	

Ambulance	\$45,028.93	KELLING FUND	\$50.00
Appraiser’s Cost	\$11,727.62	Alcohol & Drug Test Fund	\$84.01
County Health	\$35,774.83	Co. Attorney Diversion	\$305.47
Economic Development	\$11,206.69	*Court Trustee - State	\$20,060.03
Election	\$4,725.12	*Court Trustee - Local	\$885.98
Employee Benefits	\$92,063.35	*Case Management	\$22,580.99
4-H Maintenance	\$630.78	*JISP	\$21,437.76
Noxious Weed	\$8,265.92	*Diversion	\$16,564.81
Solid Waste	\$16,830.40	*Juvenile Intake	\$9,487.78
Special Drug & Alcohol	\$8,000.00	Northwest BT Region	\$3,125.15
DISTRICT CORONER	\$200.00	Judicial Capital Outlay	\$2,338.09
Reg Deeds Tech Fund	\$169.96	Hansen Grant Fund	\$334.41
911 TAX	\$9,393.93		